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Rome, January 27. *N. S.*

ON the 14th Inſtant, about two hours after Sun-ſet, we had an Earthquake, whereof we have ſince felt ſeveral Shocks, which has put the Inhabitants of this Place under the greateſt Conſternation; and the Pope has granted a Jubilee of 14 days, and ordered that there ſhould be extraordinary Devotions performed in all our Churches upon this occaſion. The Damage which this Earthquake has done here is inconſiderable, but at Norcia, Caſſia, Civitavecchia, and ſeveral other Places in the Eccleſiaſtical State, many Houſes, and other Buildings, have been thrown down, and above 15000 Perſons buried under the Ruins.

Warſaw, January 24. A Body of *Swediſh* Forces is advanced towards this Place, who declare they come as Friends, and expect no more than bare Subſiſtence, which they hope to obtain voluntarily; but in other Parts of this Kingdom their Troops raiſe great Contributions, and require the Inhabitants to join with them. The Princes of the Houſe of *Sapieha*, and ſome others, appear openly for them, and divers of the chief Nobility are ſuſpected of favouring that Intereſt: On the other hand 40000 *Muſcovites* are marched into *Lithuania*, who have ſent Propoſals to the *Coſſacks*, inviting thoſe People to join with them in the Defence of their King; and it is ſaid, that not only the *Coſſacks* accepted theſe Offers, but that the Crown General alſo will ſide with them; ſo that the War is likely to be carried on with Violence in the very Heart of this Kingdom. In the mean time the Diet of *Ruſland* continues aſſembled, to conſider of the Demands of the *Swedes*, and their Reſolutions in an Affair of ſo great a Conſequence are impatiently expected; ſince an Example of this Province will probably be of great weight with the reſt of the Kingdom. We hear, a Body of *Muſcovite* Forces has made an Incurſion into *Livonia*, who advanced to the very Gates of *Narva*, burnt the Suburbs of that Place, and put many of the Inhabitants to the Sword, after which they returned home.

Thoorn, February 5. The King of *Poland*, in Compliance with the Requeſt of moſt of the Palatines of the *Greater Poland*, has iſſued Circular Letters to them, and to the other Palatinates of that Kingdom, and of *Lithuania*, requiring them to chuſe Deputies for a General Diet, to be held on the 16th of the next Month, in order to conſult upon the means to ſtop the Progreſſes of the *Swediſh* Forces. The Cardinal Primate, on the other hand, has ſummoned the Senate to meet at *Warſaw* the 15th Inſtant, and has by particular Letters invited ſeveral of the Senators to be there, eſpecially thoſe who were appointed ſome time ago to attend the King of *Sweden* in the Name of the Republick, with Offers of their Mediation for accommodating the Differences between him and the King of *Poland*. The Sieur *Leczinsky*, General of the *Greater Poland*, died lately at *Els* in *Sileſia*, whither he had retired to avoid being involved in the Troubles of his Country. Three *Saxon* Regiments of Horſe arrived yeſterday in the Neighbourhood of this Place, and the reſt of the *Saxon* Forces, which were quartered in theſe Parts, are marching hither, in order to form a Body to make head againſt the *Swedes*, who are already ſo near, that one of their Parties advanced lately within 7 Miles of this Place, but ſoon retired to rejoin their main Body.

Vienna, February 3. The Emperor has confiſcated the Eſtate which the Count d'Arco, General of the Elector of Bavaria's Forces, poſſeſſed in the Country of Tirol, becauſe he continues in that Elector's Service, notwithſtanding the Imperial Avocatoria which were publiſhed ſome time ago againſt that Elector, and his Imperial Majeſty has declared, That on the contrary, he will, as opportunities happen, prefer thoſe who have complied with the Avocatoria. A great number of Enginiers, Gunners, and other Perſons belonging to the Artillery, are come hither from ſeveral of the Imperial Gariſons, being ſent for to be employed in the Expedition againſt the Elector of Bavaria. Orders are ſent to Count Herbeville, who is now in Bohemia, to provide for the Security of thoſe Frontiers, and then to march with the Saxon and other Forces in thoſe Parts towards the Danube, in order to enter into the Territories of that Elector. The States of the Kingdom of Hungary have deſired of the Emperor, that part of the Taxes which they are to raiſe may be paid in Proviſions, for the uſe of his Forces, which it is believed will be granted.

Berlin, February 10. The King of *Pruſſia* is returned from *Magdebourg* to *Potſdam*, and the Prince Royal his Son is alſo come back from the Court of *Hanover*. A Marriage is ſaid to be treating between the Margrave of *Bareith* and the Dutcheſs Dowager of *Courland*. Letters from *Warſaw* of the 1ſt Inſtant ſay, That the *Swedes* have propoſed to the Cardinal Primate to ſummon a general Diet; but that he would conſent only to the calling together of the Senate, to conſider of the preſent State of their Affairs: That the *Poliſh* Clergy are generally diſſatisfied with their King, for having ſuffered his *Saxon* Troops to take Quarters in the Eſtates belonging to the Church: And that the King of *Sweden* was at *Lublin*, expecting the Iſſue of the Diet of *Ruſland*. They write from *Elbing*, That the Biſhop of *Warmia* was come thither from *Thoorn*, and had given Directions for preparing a Houſe for the King of *Poland*, who was ſhortly expected there.

From the Camp at Traerbach, *February* 7. Yeſterday we began to bombard and cannonade the Caſtle of *Traerbach* from 4 ſeveral Batteries, and we hope to be ſoon Maſters of that Place, the Gariſon being in great want of Water and other Neceſſaries. The Marſhal *de Tallard* is come to *Metz*, and has ordered a Draught to be made out of the neighbouring Gariſons, with intent to endeavour the Relief of it, but all poſſible Care is taken to diſappoint him. The Inhabitants of *Saar Louis* fearing that after the Caſtle of *Traerbach* is taken, ſome Attempt may be made upon their Town, they are ſending their beſt Effects to *Metz*, and other Places of Safety.

Francfort, February 11. The Count de Naſſau Weilbourg, General of the Forces of the Circle of the Lower Rhine, came hither yeſterday, to aſſiſt at the Diet of this Circle, which is now aſſembled, and to put them in mind of recruiting and augmenting their Forces, and of making Proviſion for their taking the Field early in the Spring. New Levies are making in theſe Parts for ſeveral Princes of the Empire, with very good Succeſs. Great quantities of Corn have lately been ſent from hence to ſupply the Magazines at Briſac, and other Towns belonging to the Emperor on the Upper Rhine. We have Advice from Alſace, that the French are drawing a Body of Forces together near Strasbourg, but upon what Deſign is not yet known. General Thungen has lately viſited the Lines between Croonweiſſembourg and Lauteren, which he found in a very good Condition, as were alſo the Forces poſted there. Letters from Stutgard of the 5th Inſtant ſay